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SUBJECT: POLICE STOP SOWETO STUDENT CEREMONY COMMEMORATING
JUNE 16TH

1. THE SOWETO STUDENT REFUGEES AT THOKOZA SCHOOL HELD A BRIEF OBSERVANCE THIS MORNING PRIOR TO THE BEGINNING OF CLASSES. THE STUDENTS WERE INSIDE THE SCHOOL BUILDING QUIETLY DISCUSSING THEIR REMEMBRANCE OF THE SOWETO RIOTS WITHOUT ANY TEACHER SUPERVISION. FOUR POLICE OFFICERS ENTERED THE HEADMASTER'S OFFICE AND ORDERED HIM TO STOP THE STUDENT MEETING, WHICH WAS IN VIOLATION OF THE APRIL 1978 REFUGEES CONTROL ORDER. THE HEADMASTER IMMEDIATELY DISPERSED THE MEETING. THE STUDENTS WERE SENT BACK TO THEIR CAMP AT MWELAWELA EARLY IN THE AFTERNOON WITHOUT INCIDENT.

2. EMBOFF DISCUSSED SITUATION WITH HEADMASTER J. BARKMAN AND DR. KOPP, HEAD OF THE MENNONITE MISSION THAT RUNS THE SCHOOL. BOTH WERE RELIEVED THAT NOTHING MORE DRASTIC HAD OCCURRED. KOPP STATED THAT IN SOME RESPECTS HE IS

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GLAD THE POLICE INTEREVENED WHEN THEY DID -- IT PREVENTED THE STUDENTS FROM BECOMING EMOTIONALLY WROUGHT UP AND PERHAPS LEADING TO ANOTHER PUBLIC DEMONSTRATION. BARKMAN STATED THAT STUDENTS WERE NOW EQUATING THE SWAZI POLICE WITH THE SOUTH AFRICAN POLICE AND WERE MORE DISENCHANTED THAN EVER.

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